

## Qualifying Education for Mortuary Science Licensure

To clarify the statute and rules regarding educational requirements for licensure, the Department is providing this information to assist the public and applicants determine compliance. Questions regarding a specific course of study or degree may be directed to the Department; however it is believed that this will assist in clarifying how the Department views the qualifying education requirements:

If education completed **AFTER January 1, 2002**: [Rule 21(1)]

not less than 60 semester or 90 quarter hours (and not less than 2.0 average) of non-remedial college level courses at an accredited college or university, which shall INCLUDE all of the following: [Rule 21(1)(a)]

- Public speaking/communications – 3 semester or 3 quarter hours
- Psychology/death and dying/gerontology – 6 semester or 8 quarter hours
- Comparative religion or ethnic/multi-cultural studies – 3 semester or 4 quarter hours (Not less than 2.0 average)

Completion (Not less than 2.0 average) of 1 academic year of instruction in an accredited mortuary science program or a program deemed by the department to be the equivalent. [Rule 21(1)(b)]

If education completed **BEFORE January 1, 2002**:

the 3-year course in mortuary science education shall consist of BOTH of the following: [Rule 21(3)]

Completion (Not less than 2.0 average) of not less than 60 semester or 90 quarter hours of nonremedial college level courses at an accredited college or university, which shall include the following subjects: [Rule 21(3)(a)]

- Public speaking/communications – 3 semester or 3 quarter hours
- Accounting – 6 semester or 8 quarter hours
- Psychology/gerontology/death and dying – 6 semester or 8 quarter hours
- Chemistry lecture and lab – 8 semester or 10 quarter hours
- Biological science (biology/zoology/anatomy) – 6 semester or 8 quarter hours
- English composition/business writing – 6 semester or 8 quarter hours
- Computer science – 3 semester or 4 quarter hours

Completion (Not less than 2.0 average) of 1 academic year of instruction in an accredited mortuary science program or a program deemed by the department to be the equivalent. [Rule 21(3)(b)]

An applicant who possesses a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university is deemed to have satisfied the requirements of subsection (1)(a) [BEFORE 1-1-02 education requirements] and subsection (3)(a) of this rule [AFTER 1-1-02 education requirements] -- Rule 21(4)